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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for November 5 - November 16, 2001

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Coordination Between Federal and State Law Enforcement:** The DEA, FBI, INS, and OJP will testify on November 13 at a joint hearing before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations; Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources; and Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations on how effectively Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies are working together, i.e. information sharing. (Bernhardt, Coughlin, D. Burton)

THIS WEEK

- **Presidential Records Act:** On November 6, Acting Assistant Attorney General Ed Whelan from the Office of Legal Counsel will testify before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations about the Presidential Records Act. The hearing may be pertinent to recent access issues arising from Chairman Burton's requests for internal deliberative documents relating to law enforcement decisions. (F. Burton)
- **Domestic Terrorist Threats of Agents and Toxins:** On November 6, the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism and Technology will hold a hearing on biological preparedness and possession and handling of agents and toxins. The Department will be represented by Jim Reynolds, Chief, Terrorism and Violent Crime Section of the Criminal Division. (Daley)
- **Anti-Hoax Legislation:** On November 7, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime will hold a hearing on HR 3209, the Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act of 2001. The Department will be represented by Jim Reynolds, Chief, Terrorism and Violent Crime Section of the Criminal Division. (Daley)

- **Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2002:** The Senate version of this bill may go to the floor this week; the House version has already been passed. At the request of House Intelligence Committee staff, additional provisions to supplement or make technical fixes to provisions of the USA-Patriot Act are being cleared in the Department and at OMB for possible inclusion during conference on the final legislation. (Walter)
- **Nominations:** On November 6, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Thomas L. Sansonetti, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division. Also on November 6, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Odessa F. Vincent, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

**On November 7, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the following nominations:** Joe L. Heaton, to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; Clay D. Land, to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia; Frederick J. Martone, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona; Danny C. Reeves, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Julie A. Robinson, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Kansas; and James E. Rogan, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Senate has scheduled a roll call vote for November 5 on the nomination of Larry Hicks, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.(Scott-Finan)

#### LAST WEEK

- **Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service:** The FBI testified on October 30, at the House Government Reform Committee's hearing, entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service: Ensuring the Safety of Postal Employees and the Mail." (Coughlin)
- **Student Visas:** On October 31, Acting Deputy Commissioner for the INS, Mike Becraft, testified before the House Education Committee regarding the various visas used by foreign students while studying in the United States. Ambassador Mary Ryan testified on behalf of the State Department. (D. Burton)